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Advisory

Vermont Dropout Prevention Summit to be Held in Lake Morey

MONTPELIER – *Vermont's Young Adolescent Promise*, a dropout prevention summit sponsored by the Vermont Association of Middle Level Education (VAMLE), the Vermont Department of Education and the America's Promise Alliance, will be held Thursday, October 29, 2009 at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee.

The focus of the summit is the statewide promise to "Assure every 10-14 year old will become invested and engaged in education and community and be supported by multi-sectors to acquire the skills for high school graduation and readiness for life."

The 150 invitees to the summit include educators, administrators, business officials, educational organization members, students and members of profit, nonprofit organizations that are directly involved with youth. These groups will break into regional teams, in order to carry out the promise in supporting youth in their community.

Highlights of the day include:

- A panel of Community High School of Vermont (school for students in the corrections system) graduates explaining what was missing in their education;
- Walk the Talk presenters sharing examples of effective best practices, programs, state and national research and policy that help to inform and guide regional action planning;
- Breakout session by regional teams to create plans for continuing the work in their own communities; and
- Keynote speeches by Commissioner Armando Vilaseca and Betty Edwards from the National Middle School Association.

AGENDA

8:30 a.m. Welcome

9:00 a.m. Keynote: Betty Edwards from the National Middle School Association

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Sector Meetings: A chance to connect and work through a facilitated process that will guide the business sector, the youth sector, the education sector, the community sector through some important steps as they gather information for regional planning

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Community High School Students: The panel consists of graduates from the CHS who will share their stories that will help us to understand what was missing in their education as well as to inform regional action plans in the afternoon.

1:00 - 1:45 p.m. Walk the Talk Session: These presenters are sharing examples of effective best practices, programs, state and national research and policies that will help to inform and guide the regional action planning

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Regional Action Planning: This is a facilitated, structured process meant to support participants as they create a draft plan to meet The Statewide Goal

3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Closure: Dates and next steps determined by regional groups

For more information, contact Linda Waite, VAMLE Director, at (802) 254-9152 or director@vamle.org; visit <http://vamle.org> or www.americaspromise.org.

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